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In re Application of:
Seth Bradley Noble)
Application No.: 09/676,016) Examiner: Unassigned
Filed: September 29, 2000) Art Unit: 2183
For: Flow Control Method and Apparatus)

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.67(b)

Sir:

Enclosed herewith for filing in the above-referenced patent application is a
Supplemental Declaration submitted pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.67(b).

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Respectfully submitted,
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FLOW CONTROL METHOD AND APPARATUS

the specification of which was filed on September 29, 2000 as United States Application No. 09/676,016

or PCT International Application No. _____.

I hereby declare that the subject matter

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 of the claim(s) as allowed,

 of the attached amendment(s),

XX of the amendment(s) filed on or about December 20, 2002 in the above-identified application,

 of the amendment(s) filed on or about _____, in Application No. _____ filed _____, which is a
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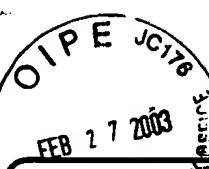
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Large Entity	Small Entity	Fee Description	Fee Paid
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1051	130	2051 65 Surcharge - late filing fee or oath	
1052	50	2052 25 Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet.	
2053	130	2053 130 Non-English specification	
1812	2,520	1812 2,520 For filing a request for ex parte reexamination	
1804	920*	1804 920 * Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
1805	1,840*	1805 1,840 * Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
1251	110	2251 55 Extension for reply within first month	
1252	410	2252 205 Extension for reply within second month	
1253	930	2253 465 Extension for reply within third month	
1254	1,450	2254 725 Extension for reply within fourth month	
1255	1,970	2255 985 Extension for reply within fifth month	
1404	320	2401 160 Notice of Appeal	
1402	320	2402 160 Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
1403	280	2403 140 Request for oral hearing	
1451	1,510	2451 1,510 Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
1452	110	2452 55 Petition to revive - unavoidable	
1453	1,300	2453 650 Petition to revive - unintentional	
1501	1,300	2501 650 Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
1502	470	2502 235 Design issue fee	
1503	630	2503 315 Plant issue fee	
1460	130	2460 130 Petitions to the Commissioner	
1807	50	1807 50 Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(q)	
1806	180	1806 180 Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt	
8021	40	8021 40 Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	
1809	750	1809 375 Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR § 1.129(a))	
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1801	750	2801 375 Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	
1802	900	1802 900 Request for expedited examination of a design application	
Submission of Supplemental Declaration			0.00

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2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES

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Independent Claims	20*	=	
Multiple Dependent	3	=	

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1201	84	2201 42 Independent claims in excess of 3
1203	280	2203 140 Multiple Dependent claim, if not paid
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1205	18	2205 9 **Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent

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